to continue the prices as were notified in January, 1989.

Cost-cum-technical study

146. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to unstarred question 1141 given in Rajya Sabha on 7th, May 92 and state;

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are misleading by informing that cost-cum-technical study of the data of M/s. Boots, M/s. Methoni and M/s. Camlin in respect of Diloxanide Furoate was conducted;

(b) whether it is a fact that price was recommended by the BICP for this drug based on the cost data of M/s Boots only and no other company, if so, when was the report sent to Government;

(c) whether it is a fact that the price of the bulk drug was increased based on the cost data of M/s Boots only;

(d) whether it is also a fact that production of Diloxanide Furoate in the production returns compiled by this own Ministry in 1990-91 and 1991-92 is Zero: and

(e) if so, on what basis was then esclalation given based on the data of M/s. Boots?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (c) No, Sir.

(d) Production returns for the year 1990-91 and 1991-92 have not been compiled so far.

(e) Does not arise

Report of HICP

147. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1130 given in the Rajya Sabha on 7th May, 1992 and state;

(a) whether it is a fact that BICP in its report of 1990 recommended reduction in price of Betamethasone and its salts;

(b) whether it is a fact that to cover up this reduction they recommended 50 per cent cost reduction benefit on the ground of R&D;

(c) what was the benefit recommended per gm of the drug saltwise and what basis recommendation of the BICP for giving this benefit was accepted;

(d) whether it is a fact that the price worked out by the BICP in 1990 were lower than recommneded by Murthy Committee as well as existed price;

(e) if so, whether it has been proved *prima facie* that Murthy committee was wrong; and

(f) if so, whether Government have proposed any action against Murthy Committee for omissions and commission for consideration?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) The recommendation regarding benefit of cost reduction due to R&D efforts was not accepted by the Government.

(d) BICP recommendation was to continue the existing prices, notified in January, 1989.

(e) and (f) Do not arise.

Marketing of proxyvon revital and Ibudex-capsules

148. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1140 given in the Rajya Sabha on 7th May, 1992 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cases of overcharging of price and marketing of Proxyvon revital and Ibudex Capsules occured in 1984 and since then on one pretext or the other Government are withholding action against the producer;